

The Oregonian

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THE LEASE.

There is at last definite information that the lease of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Line to the Union Pacific is accomplished. The negotiation is complete and the final papers will be signed to-day. There are many reasons why this should be good news to Oregon. The lease, which is actually a purchase, changes the status of the Oregon Railway & Navigation, now a local road with limited connections, making it a link in a great line from Portland to Omaha. It is our desire to keep several transcontinental movements and conditions, and cannot stand, as it did during the fall of 1886-7, between Oregon and the advantages of competition. It will not soon be forgotten how this line, standing faithfully by the letter of its hard contract, refusing to make common cause with its connections during the great cut, denied Portland the benefit of that extraordinary time, and worse than this forced her in her own field with dear goods, into rivalry with San Francisco, which enjoyed all the advantages of the cut. We have directed through line Portland will be put on terms of least expense with San Francisco at all times. Carriage of freight continues will be more expedited, and shippers will be saved the annoyance and expense of dealing with two companies for a single service.

The consolidation of the Union Pacific system will give us what may be called our main line east, making Oregon independent of those roads which have other Pacific coast terminals. But since the Northern Pacific will soon reach us on its own rails from the North, and since the Southern Pacific will soon be here over its own line, Oregon, California, Portland cannot be made to suffer of a monopoly. On the other hand, she will have better facilities than any other Pacific coast terminus. It will never be possible to "pinch" her again in deal or cut, as she will have direct connection at all times with all the transcontinental roads.

These considerations, while very important to all the people of the state, do not touch the great majority in an appreciable way. The popular interest in the lease will be keen as to its effects upon through business, and as to its effects upon local policies. Under its present management the road is an oppressor of the country. It is held less a malignant property than as basis for stock speculation in Wall street. The interest and attention of its owners have been lost with their property Oregon but with their schemes in New York. They have taken to the road only for dividends and have required that they cover the real value of the property, but a sufficient compensation, in which waste and water bear a large proportion to actual value. To force these dividends has required a grinding, oppressive and narrow policy. Rates upon wheat and other products of the country have been maintained at a point which leaves the producer always a scant return and oftentimes no profit at all. Productive industry has thus been discouraged and the development of the country postponed. On the other hand, inward rates upon merchandise have been so high as to be a hardship upon the country. Portland has suffered from these excesses by limitation of her market, not less than the country itself. The greed of the stockholders of the road has injured Portland in another way. Building operations have almost stopped and rural roads tributary to other cities are penetrating our business field.

The Court of Appeals may not be well suited, if not already so, to be well suited, to a branch line not pushed into their heart immediately. The Big Bend country is held in isolation; and so the Willow creek country, the Clearwater country and other districts. This policy has been short-sighted to the degree of folly and it has been pursued in only because the management of the company has isolated upon its dividends and refused to look after its bonds.

The roads will be welcomed by the people, because they hope from the Union Pacific a new and completely different policy. The rate on wheat should be cut from six to four dollars a bushel. The rate on merchandise should be reduced, perhaps, in this proportion, but sufficiently to promote business. The country north of Snake river should be held against the competition of the Northern Pacific. A branch should be thrown out to Coeur d'Alene without delay. It is the hope of these things that makes the lease welcome.

GROWTH OF CITIES.

An article in the *Anderson Review* for April says forth the fact that the most rapid growth of modern cities is not witnessed in America. Chicago has often been spoken of as a world's wonder for rapidity of growth; and yet Glasgow strives to outstrip that of Chicago herself. Between 1871 and 1881 the increase of Glasgow amounted to 41.25 per cent; that of Chicago to 40.75 per cent. Three Scotchmen out of every four live in one city. For each decade since the middle of the century the population of Scotland has increased about eleven per cent; but the increase has been wholly in the cities, and the country people have become but a remnant. In Ireland, though the whole population has been decreasing during many years, that the country, as a whole, contains a population smaller by between two and three millions than formerly, yet the cities have lost less population. In 1881 sixty per cent of the population of England and Wales was in the cities, and the rate of increase during the last two decades has been two and one-half times greater for the urban than for the rural inhabitants. In Germany the town population is growing about twice as rapidly as the whole population of the empire. Berlin, in 1850, was a comparatively insignificant place. She ranks now as the fourth in the world, with 1,000,000 inhabitants. In France, taken at large, though the population for many years has been almost stationary, the French towns have rapidly increased in size and number, and Paris is adding to her population not less than 50,000 persons each year. In Belgium, Holland, and the like facts are presented.

London contains not less than 5,200,000 people.

In this statement, it is clear that it is called "Greater London," which consists of the metropolitan and city police districts, extending twelve miles in all directions from Charing Cross. Prior to the year 1850, London increased in size only fifty per cent, in one hundred and twenty years. Since the year 1850, it has increased 500 per cent. But huge as London is, it contains only one-third of the city population of the island, and there are more people by several hundreds of thousands within fifty miles of the central point of Manchester than within the 100 miles of the central point of London.

In our own country, notwithstanding the fact that vast areas of open and unoccupied country have offered themselves to those who may want land, the population of the West has been increasing during many years in much more rapid proportion than the population of the rural districts. Thus, in 1870, one-thirtieth only of our population lived in cities of 8000 people or more. In 1880 the urban population had become one-twentieth; in 1885 it was one-twentieth; in 1890, one-sixteenth; in 1890, one-twelfth; in 1890, one-eighth; in 1890, one-seventh; in 1890, one-fifth; in 1890, one-fourth. It is evident that this rapid increase of urban population, all over the civilized world, is the result of causes now at work in the development of modern civilization.

The movement is not, indeed, peculiar to modern civilization, but it is powerfully accelerated in these days, by forces that former days did not exist. Man is social and gregarious, and always was so, and in all times the collection of a mass of humanity about a center has operated as a powerful attraction upon the outsider. But man has become so rapid as to multiply vastly the forces of this attraction, and cheap and quick transport makes it certain that food will always be abundant, though one may have no money to buy it. The tendency of cities always is to grow to the limit of the ability of the people to obtain food, and to the extent permitted by sanitary conditions, and herein immense advantages are offered by modern civilization. There is little check, therefore, in these times upon

the magnetic influence of a great metropolis.

"Thousands," says the *Literary Writer*, "every year forced them into the midst of London, Paris and New York, having no reasonable prospect of finding a livelihood, and incidentally staying there, unless in much greater numbers than move out to more comfortable quarters elsewhere. The very vastness of the manifold life that throbs and thrills about them has a certain fascination so intoxicating that they regard the idea of living in any lesser place as quite insupportable." Again: "In a great city every man finds in his highest development the side and sort of life that pleases him best. For the virtues there are unbounded opportunities for vice; for those who love God and men, extraordinary advantages for philanthropic work and Christian fellowship. Many with special means of artistic talents are quite willing in a small community, with neither opportunity nor stimulus for great effort, to turn their thoughts to which their tastes incline, and to support enterprise a city they find surrounding congenial to their taste, so that they never again be persuaded to quit it. Great cities have a special fascination for young men. There is little in the position of leading merchant, lawyer or physician in a country town to spur the ambition of the young, but those who hold the high positions in the cities are the princes and mighty men of the times. Ambitious fellows prefer hard work with high stakes to one on an easier course with fewer competitors and contemptible prizes. Besides all the special attractions for the special classes who can measure the fascination, for the mass of mankind, of the great city's unequalled facilities for instruction and amusement."

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.
OREGON.

Wool is beginning to arrive at Arlington. Fruit products still excellent about Ashland. A board of trade has been organized in Baker City.

Coyotes are said to be quite numerous about Lincoln, Polk county.

A religious revival has been carried on in Gold during the last few weeks.

Wednesday night at Baker City the weather was cold enough to freeze up pumpkins.

Farmers complain of too much rain the past week in the portion of the state.

The grange of Park City will celebrate Labor day with a grand picnic at Salt Creek.

Prof. J. C. Arnold of Pendleton organized a Lodge of Knights of Labor in Weston Saturday.

There were more cattle for sale in the Walla Walla valley this season than there have been for years.

The cost of living of the past week have not been bettered in Oregon.

Complaints of the weather are heard everywhere save the Ashland *Advertiser*.

The new term of the circuit court for Gilliam county will be held on the fourth Monday in September.

The Lane County Agricultural Society will commence the erection of tables on their track next week.

High water has resulted in stocking the mountain streams with plenty of trout, says the *Hepburn Gazette*.

A large quantity of corn is being planted as a crop in the vicinity of Rock creek, Gilliam county, this year.

Jackson county received \$1250 from the state last week for the care of state patients in the county hospital.

The timber cutters are still at large and the lumbermen's calls loudly for their arrest and punishment.

The timber work in the Whitman maps of Pipe creek is said to be the best executed of any in the coast.

It is said that it is feared that the frost of last Sunday has greatly damaged the small fruit in this locality.

Baker City is said to be quiet at present, caused by the miners who have wintered there leaving for the mines.

Stock Inspector Blake has commenced his labors on the stock of Gilliam county, granting permits, etc.

Ashland paper: Mr. Barron will plant about forty acres of corn this spring at his home place at the head of the valley.

The Jacksonville *Times* says some Jackson county men are trying to propagate Chinese pheasants in this valley.

The peach crop in Wasco county has suffered from frost this spring and other fruits have been much injured from the same cause.

Liberator Express: From what we can learn by correspondence with farmers, a large acreage of potato crop has failed.

Wasco Leader: The cold and wet weather has been injurious to the sheep interests of the county. Many young lambs have died from exposure.

A regular meeting of Weston Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., W. T. Williams and S. A. Barnes were elected representatives to the grand lodge.

The farmers in the locality of Alpine, together with those residing on Juniper, have suffered a great deal of static in view of having the wheat that fall.

Two Chinamen were very badly hurt in the Head mules a few days ago by a falling tree.

At a regular meeting of Mountain View Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., James Cleaver and George Dullin were elected to represent the lodge in the grand lodge of Oregon.

A regular meeting of Adams Lodge, No. 74, I. O. O. F., the following members were duly elected delegates to the grand lodge: J. T. Lissenden and G. T. Peebles.

Arlington paper: The rains of the last week have encouraged the neighboring farmers to a great extent to plant a crop this season, as nearly all have their crops in.

Morrow county exchange: Fruit trees are in bloom, and the balsam and willow trees along the streams are budding into leaf. But the blue birds are still full of song.

Steensburg paper: The camp of Pleasant Hill, Lane county, is progressing rapidly, and some of our farmers almost despair of getting their grain in in time for a harvest this year.

Dalles paper: All reports state that there is considerable snow in the mountains, and the snow will be the chief factor to produce very high water the coming spring.

Farmers in the vicinity of Fall Creek, Lane county, are about all through with spring plowing and sowing. Fall sown wheat is growing fast, and the oats are a big crop.

Grant County News: The camp of Pleasant Hill, Lane county, is beginning to get lively. Says one of the inlets: "The camp is booming and the quartz of a superior quality."

The Masonic Lodge at Butteville, Marion county, has decided to build a new building or two stories; the upper story will be devoted to Masonic purposes and the lower will be used for rooms.

Says a Weston exchange: Fruit raisers are more scared than hurt by the February freezes and that there will be an abundance of peaches, cherries, plums and small fruits.

Jacksonville paper: Judges Webster and Hays have secured some orange trees which are growing in their gardens in this place. It is believed that they will not grow here, but bear fruit also.

Wasco county has seventy school districts that reported earned and are entitled to draw school money. Number of children, 3601. Amount of money reported, \$10,000.00, treasurer for the April apportionment, \$9540.

There are 118 schools districts in Umatilla county. The total amount of funds apportioned is \$12,018.00, the amount per capita \$1.75, and 2500 persons. Number of persons that draw school money, 4728.

Baseball paper: A player is coming to the front of the over the state. It is harder work than sheepherding, and doesn't bring in so much money. For this reason the national game is popular.

The Linkville stage passed Tuesday evening while going down the hill to town and a top passenger, Mrs. Mary McClure, was somewhat hurt, but not seriously, says the Ashland *Advertiser*. Particulars of the accident have not been received.

Grande Journal says: Union is one of the most beautiful towns in Oregon. Catherine creek, a stream of clear water, nearly half as large as Grand Ronde river, flows through the center of town, and irrigation is made an easy matter.

Henry Thompson, the fruit man of Baker creek, reports that the indications for fruit this year are poor, says the *Hepburn Gazette*. He will have peaches and apples, but the pear crop will be poor. The warm spell in January did the damage.

The cold weather for the past few days has been very injurious to laubs in this county, and the loss will be considerable, says a Wasco county paper. The season is only a month or rather two years, and our spring trade has not fairly begun yet.

Lexington exchange: Experience teaches that there is a big risk in sheeparing sheep in Eastern Oregon before the last of April. The sheep have largely lost their wool and the剪毛者 have failed to shear them.

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The lightness tender, says the Yaquline Post, brought on her last cruise two lamps for the oil lamp, in which coal will be used, but give a stronger and more brilliant light than the lamp oil used in the old lamps.

The streets says that down around Echo the high winds of last week did a great deal of damage, and the loss will be considerable, says a Wasco county paper. The season is only a month or rather two years, and our spring trade has not fairly begun yet.

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